

Tribute to Women, 'Proudly She Serves' gala

The Tribute to Women in the Military and the "Proudly She Serves" gala are **March 5** in the Hilton Hotel, 1901 University Northeast.

The conference includes remarks by U.S. Rep. Heather Wilson and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson. The conference also includes workshops, exhibits and an open panel discussion.

Nominations for the Maj. T. H. Baca, Cathay Williams and Sara Gist-Bernasconi awards presented at the evening "Proudly She Serves" Gala are due by **Feb. 7**.

Registration for the tribute is \$15 before **Jan. 30** and \$20 after that date.

Tickets for the dinner-dance gala, 6 p.m.-midnight, cost \$20 for a single and \$38 a couple.

Make checks payable to VVNM/VVA-TRIBUTEXIX and send them to Tribute XIX, P.O. Box 91775, Albuquerque, N.M. 87199-1775.

For information, contact Lt. Col. Dorothy Silvanic, 846-0063, or Master Sgt. Jacqueline Pennington-Colvil, 846-7525. For registration, contact Betty Brooks, 821-1092.

OF NOTE

BLOOD DRIVES

★ Local blood drives

United Blood Services conducts blood drives on Kirtland AFB. Call 768-1408. Upcoming drives are at:

★ Sandia Labs **every Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.,

★ 58th Special Operations Wing, **today**, in Aerial Delivery Building 994, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.,

★ 377th Medical Group, **Jan. 28**, 7:30-11:30 a.m., in the Bloodmobile in front of the clinic.

BRIEFINGS

★ New spouses

Heart Link Spouse Orientation is available by appointment at the Family Support Center.

The briefing, for spouses new to the military, is a one-on-one presentation about everything you should know about life in the military.

Register at 846-0741.

★ Pre-deployment

Pre-deployment Briefings are available at the Family Support Center on request.

Call Tech. Sgt. Lloyd McKenzie at 846-0741 for an appointment.

EDUCATION

★ CLEP tests changing

The CLEP college testing program is in transition, reducing from 35 to 14 exams available at the Education Center.

Subject exams withdrawn from testing **Jan. 31**, are: Analyzing and Interpreting Literature, College Algebra, Freshman College Composition, Introductory Psychology and Principles of Management.

The five exams are part of the 14 that will be available on base in revised versions in **April**.

All 35 exams remain available at off-base testing centers on a self-pay basis.

Call 846-8955 or 846-9933.

EVENTS

★ Chiefs induction

The 2004 Chiefs Induction Ceremony is **Jan. 23** in the Mountain View Club.

Senior Master Sgts. Jeff Amos and Mark Hall will be inducted.

Social hour is at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Dress is mess dress, semi formal or dark suit or evening dress for civilians.

For reservations for \$25 a person, contact Chief Master Sgt. Sheila Gurule, 846-5609, or sheila.gurule@kirtland.af.mil.

★ Prayer breakfast

Five-time Super Bowl champion Chad Hennings is speaker at the 2004 National Prayer Breakfast at Kirtland AFB. The talk is **Feb. 10**, 7:30 a.m., in the Mountain View Club.

The former Dallas Cowboy starting defensive end is also a former Air Force pilot with missions in the Persian Gulf War, 45 missions in Desert Storm and Operation Provide Comfort.

He earned humanitarian and air achievement awards for his service.

If being a jet fighter pilot and pro football player weren't enough, Mr. Henning also wrote a book on his philosophy for success, "It Takes Commitment," which tells of his youth on an Iowa farm, his attendance at the Air Force Academy

and of his pilot and football careers.

Currently a motivational speaker and entrepreneur, Mr. Hennings is also an Air Force Reservist.

For reservations for \$5 a person, contact the chapel or your unit first sergeant.

★ Super Bowl party

Join the crowd at the Daily Grind, **Feb. 1**, at 4:25 p.m. for the Super Bowl game on big-screen TV.

Free munchies and beverages are available.

★ Special ops

An introduction to special operations for those new to the U.S. Special Operations Command is **Feb. 26** in the 58th Training Support Squadron Building 957.

The course provides working knowledge of special operations, enhancing your understanding of U.S. Special Operations Command, Air Force Special Operations Command, Naval Special Warfare Command and U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

It also includes several case studies, providing analyses of select special operations missions and lessons learned.

Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. George Gray discusses Operation Desert Storm and retired Chief Master Sgt. Richard Sanchez discusses Operation Eagle Claw.

To enroll by Internet, visit <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil?milonly/tenantunits/jsou>.

Call course directors Capt. James Rigsbee or Master Sgt. Rob Colannino at DSN 579-6861 or DSN 579-1881.

To fax, dial 579-4409.

OF NOTE

★ Loadmaster reunion

Professional Loadmaster Association's 2004 Gathering of Loadmasters is May 23-27 at the Trump Taj Majal Casino Resort in Atlantic City, N.J.

All loadmasters are welcome to attend.

For reunion information, visit on line at www.loadmasters.com or contact J.P. Salisbury at 609-893-0363 or jpandbarb@comcast.net or Tom Kenny at 609-754-4403 or thomas.kenny@mcguire.af.mil.

★ ALS ceremony

The Airman Leadership School graduation ceremony and lunch is **Feb. 12**, 11:30 a.m., in the Mountain View Club.

Tickets are \$8 a person for club members and \$10 for others. They are available from students or by e-mail at 377mssdpn@kirtland.af.mil.

Purchase tickets by **Feb. 6**.

For upcoming class information, visit <https://www.mil.kirtland.af.mil/Organizations/als/ALS%20Home>.

MEETINGS

AFGE Local 2263

The American Federation of Government Employees 2263 meets the 2nd Tuesday each month, 4:15 p.m., in the Civil Air Patrol Conference Room, Building 926, on Biggs Avenue, next to the Thrift Shop.

All bargaining unit employees are welcome. Meetings usually conclude by 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the local union office at 846-4363, fax 853-2343, email at afge.2263@kirtland.af.mil or visit www.afge2263.org.

★ Enlisted 5-6 club

The Enlisted 5-6 Club lunch meeting is **Jan. 26** in the Rio Grande Community Center. Pizza is provided.

All E-5 selectees, E-5s and E-6s from all service branches are welcome.

For information e-mail to kirtland.56club@kirtland.af.mil.

★ Advisory council

The TEAM KIRTLAND Advisory Council meets **Feb. 3**, 3 p.m., in the Rio Grande Community Center.

The council meets the first Tuesday of every month.

All units are invited to send a representative to participate in the discussion of issues that affect the installation.

★ Infant playgroup

Parents and their infants 18 months or younger are invited to attend a weekly playgroup, **Thursdays**, 10:30 a.m.-noon, at the Maxwell Child Development Center.

No reservation is needed.

Call Mike Walti, 846-0139.

MISCELLANEA

Power outage

An electrical outage is scheduled **Jan. 31** in the 29000 area.

The outage is expected to last five hours while a contractor ties into the aerial power line at Lovelace and Mount Washington Road.

★ Free pizza delivery

Anthony's Pizza started free delivery every **Monday, Friday** and **Saturday**, noon-6 p.m.

This includes all menu items with a minimum order of \$10 per delivery and is limited to on base only.

Call 256-1889.

★ Sunday choir director

The Catholic Community at the Chapel has an opening for the paid position of choir director for the 9 a.m. Mass on **Sunday** morning.

Qualifications and a statement of work are available from the Catholic Chaplain, Father Wieslaw Strzadala, 846-5691.

★ Shipping charge

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is charging shipping of \$4.95 for Internet and catalog orders of \$48.99.

Orders of \$49 dollars or more incur no shipping charges unless the item is oversized.

There will be exceptions to this policy. Customers placing orders using a Military Star card or who include a Military Clothing Sales Store item in their orders will receive free shipping.

PERSONNEL

Basic Officer Training

Anyone applying for Basic Officer Training will encounter some changes.

The greatest change is that applicant in a non-technical field submitting an application must have a 3.00 grade point average and a composite score of 150, comprised from the academic aptitude, quantitative and verbal composite scores.

This change is effective with the 0404 board.

The minimum grade point average for all rated applicants is 2.5 and composite score of 150. This change is effective with the 0405 board.

Early Out brief

The Early Out and Palace Chase briefing is **Feb. 18**, 1 p.m., in the conference room of the 377th Air Base Wing Headquarters Building 20604.

For eligibility for early out, reference Air Force Instruction 36-3205. Retraining may be an option.

Contact Master Sgt. Vera Romano at 846-0544.

★ MPF hours

The Military Personnel Flight is open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. for appointments.

Walk-in customers are welcome noon-2 p.m. in all sections other than Identification Cards, which is open to walk-in all operating hours.

Call 846-8979.

RECRUITING

★ Air Force Reserve

Active duty experience can pay off in the reserve. Take the opportunity to earn retirement credit and still enjoy the many benefits of being in the military.

Build on the knowledge and experience you have gained on active duty and continue to play a vital part in our country's defense.

Call Master Sgt. Vera Romano, 846-0544.

★ Cheap movies

The Theater charges only \$.99 admission for all movies starting Feb. 1.

SCHOLARSHIPS

★ Spouses club

Applications for the 2004-2005 Kirtland Officers' Spouses' Club Scholarship are available at area high school counseling offices, the Thrift Shop, Family Support Center, Mountain View Club and the Education Center.

High school seniors graduating in the spring of 2004 who are dependents of Armed Forces members assigned to Kirtland AFB, dependants of retired military members residing within a 50 mile radius of Kirtland AFB and military spouses who are already attending college are eligible.

Applications must be returned by **March 1**.

Call Gail Adkins at 232-2162.

★ Active duty family

The Military Officers Association of America's 2004 Base/Post Scholarship program is open through **March 1**. Scholarships are \$1,000 grants to 50 dependents of active duty personnel worldwide.

For full information and to apply, visit www.moaa.org.

★ Spouse scholarship

The Air Force Spouses Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to spouses of Air Force active duty, Reserve or Guard.

Spouses worldwide pursuing a degree can apply for the \$1,000 scholarships by **Jan. 30**.

Details are at www.aef.org/aid/spouse.asp.

★ Military children

Applications for the 2004 Scholarships for Military Children program are being accepted through **Feb. 18** from children of active duty and retired military, Guard and Reserve members. The academic scholarship awards are for \$1,500.

Visit the program's Web site at www.militaryscholar.org/.